

a. External Survey

The Chairman reported that DMS(N) had been requested to carry out an underwater survey; the matter was now in hand and Mr Morton said he would be writing to CP Rosyth to sort out the local arrangements. There would be a delay in the start of work due to the shortage of suitable radiation monitors for the divers; nevertheless, the survey was expected to commence in the next four weeks. The divers would clean the hull first to ease inspection. A video camera would be used to allow 'on-land' analysis.

b. Internal Survey

Mr Morton said that the internal survey could not be arranged by DMS(N); Subs 11 agreed to lead in initiating this work.

Action 14.4 - DGSR/Subs 11

c. DREADNOUGHT Docking

(1) Design Authority Requirement

To produce the Design Authority Requirement (DAR), DGSM had to make an assumption on what the short to medium term future of DREADNOUGHT was; the meeting agreed that it had to be assumed that DREADNOUGHT would be afloat for another period of at least 7 years. Since it was likely DREADNOUGHT would be towed again, DMS(N) requested the towing drogue and skeg developed in the sea disposal project be fitted. It was agreed a concrete fill of the RC was not required.

(2) Procurement of Moorings

DMS(N) noted that there was no spare berthing capacity at Rosyth and it might be necessary to moor DREADNOUGHT elsewhere after 1990 ahead of SSBN01 coming out of service. Consequently, DMS(N) said that they would request financial provision to be made available for a trot (a second class mooring) in FY 1990/1991 and asked Sec(FS)/A to note this.

Action 14.5 - Sec(FS)/A

(3) Programme

Subs 11 agreed to produce a programme for the work leading up to the docking of DREADNOUGHT in 1990.

Action 14.6 - DGSR/Subs 11

7. Other Business

a. Sec(FS)/A reported that the Parliamentary Defence Committee were due to ask a number of questions on nuclear submarine disposal. Subs 11 was to be asked to comment on MOD's reply.

b. Mr Evans reported that RRA were due to carry out a wide-ranging study on the disposal of DS/AP1 at Dounreay; it was unlikely there would be many useful similarities with nuclear submarine disposal.